

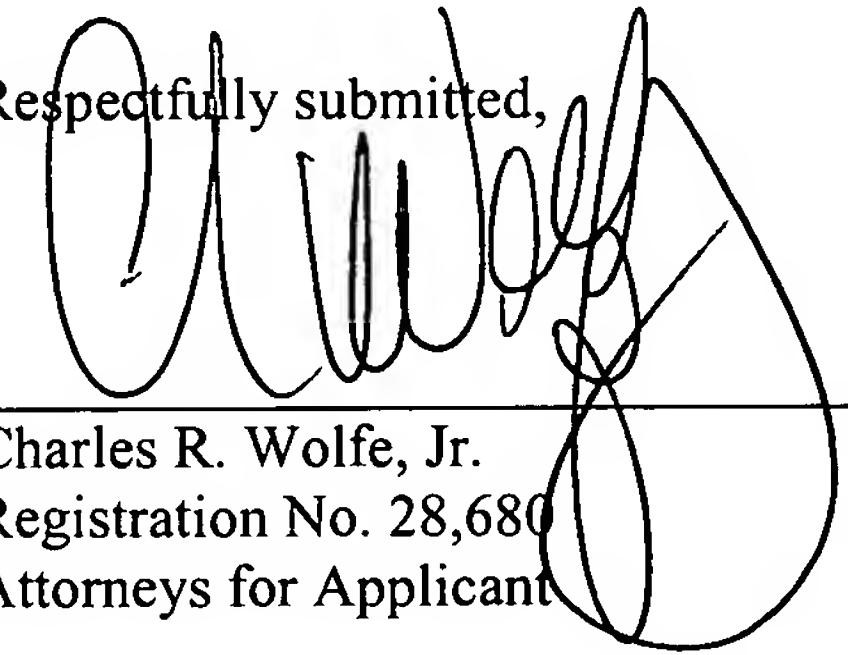
REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, an Abstract has been added to the specification. Applicant wishes to point out that this Abstract is identical to the Abstract published by WIPO in International Publication No. WO 2004/002003 (which application corresponds to the subject application).

In addition, by the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended delete the multiple dependencies, thereby reducing the filing fee.

Applicant retains all rights to the subject matter covered by the canceled multiple dependent claims by making these claims directly dependent on a single claim. The subject matter now not included in these claims may be reintroduced as multiple dependent claims or as separate independent or dependent claims in the present application or in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Prompt, favorable action on the subject application, as presently amended, is earnestly solicited.

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